Port Henry Dec. 1867.

Tuesday Morn

My dear Sister

Yours is just rec'd. I do not wish you to think of leaving School. I am well again I shall not pay the expense of my sickness much & am all right otherwise so you see you can just as well keep in school now as before I will do all I can to make your term at school pleasant & profitable. I am anxious you should remain though if it be your pleasure.

I am to be very busy this week as it is the last of the term & we have an examination I have taught 16 weeks.

I have a fortnight vacation. I shall go to Middl. I do not know as I shall stay there. I want to take private lessons of Prof. Kellogg. If he is at home I shall stay there.

I sent you $10 the other day have you rec'd it. I will send you more soon. Tell me as fast as you need it

Am in the school room & it's time to commence School

Affectionately

David.

Middlebury College
Aug. 3rd 1867.

My dear Sister

I received your letter to night. I have engaged the Port Henry school. They pay me eleven hundred dollars. I commence the first Monday in Sept. I am the only new teacher they have this fall unless their assistant a Miss Smith leaves. She recives a salary of six hundred dollars. She is expected to take languages French drawing &c. Would you take those studies. I think after a little perhaps after one term I can procure you a situation in that school. If I can get a place that pays five hundred dollars it will pay better than any you ever have had will it not. If I was not a stranger there I could much better for you than I can now for this reason I would have more influence. I worked hard for the school. There were a large number of applications. But my reputation as a teacher in the schools I have taught is very good & by using that also my reputation as a scholar here I came in a-head. Though some objected to me on the ground that I am too young for so large a school. They give the whole management of the school to me. There are more than three hundred pupils. I am very confident I can do well

there. If I do I can get much better pay next year besides I can have the power of employing all my assistant teachers. Of course that will be very much pleasanter than it will be this year.

During this time if we fail to procure you a good place at P.H. I have been thinking what you had better do. If you could attend a State normal school & graduate you would recive much better pay. Half of what I get at P.H. is owing to the fact that I have a collige diploma.

If I do well at Port Huron I could & would willingly pay your expenses at a normal school. But I ought not to promise until I have been in my school a little while. If I am not successful I could do little more than to help my self.

Now do for a little while what you think best for yourself. Then unless fortune entirely forsakes & she never has quite - I will materially assist you & will send a catalogue as soon as printed.

Very truly

David.